

By Senator Hunt

ESHB 2140 - S COMM AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-4590.1/19)

By Committee on Ways & Means

On page 7, after line 5, insert the following:

"Sec. 5. RCW 28C.--.--- and 2019 c ... (E2SHB 2158) s 56 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the career connected learning grant program is established as a competitive grant program to advance the career connect Washington vision under section 55 of this act. The employment security department shall administer the program. The governor's office shall work with the employment security department to establish grant criteria and guide the process for selection with consultation from the career connected learning cross-agency work group.

(2) The purpose of the career connected learning grant program is to create career connected learning opportunities, including career awareness and exploration, career preparation, and career launch programs, that are both tailored to the local needs of students and employers and designed so that students may receive high school or college credit across industries and regions of the state to the maximum extent possible.

(3) The program funds shall be used for two overarching purposes:

(a) Support regional career connected learning and work-integrated learning networks in both rural and urban areas under subsection (5) of this section; and

(b) Support career connected learning program intermediaries working within and across regions who partner with multiple employers, labor partners, and educational institutions, work with K-12 and postsecondary career representatives to develop curricula for new and innovative programs, and scale existing career awareness and exploration, career preparation, and endorsed career launch programs.

(4) The program administrator shall consult with the governor's office and the career connected learning cross-agency work group

1 established in section 54 of this act to develop a formal request for
2 proposal for both the regional career connected learning and work-
3 integrated learning networks and the program intermediaries.

4 (5) (a) Proposals for regional career connected learning and work-
5 integrated learning networks and intermediaries may be sought from
6 applicants within the geographic areas of the nine educational
7 service districts. Successful applicants shall convene and manage
8 regional, cross-industry networks that will lead to the expansion of
9 career connected learning opportunities.

10 (b) Regional career connected learning and work-integrated
11 learning network applicants must demonstrate regional knowledge and
12 status as a trusted partner of industry and education stakeholders, a
13 track record of success with career connected learning and aligned
14 initiatives, and a commitment to equity. Regional career connected
15 learning networks may include, but are not limited to, regional
16 education networks, school districts, educational service districts,
17 higher education institutions, workforce development councils,
18 chambers of commerce, industry associations, joint labor management
19 councils, multiemployer training partnerships, economic development
20 councils, and nonprofit organizations.

21 (6) Eligible program intermediary applicants may include, but are
22 not limited to, new or existing industry associations, joint labor
23 management councils, regional networks, career technical student
24 organizations, postsecondary education and training institutions
25 working with multiple employer partners, state agencies, and other
26 community-based organizations and expanded learning partners.

27 (7) Program intermediaries must work with appropriate faculty and
28 staff at the state universities, the regional universities, and the
29 state college, and K-12 education representatives, to expand the
30 number of career launch program credits that may be articulated and
31 transferred to postsecondary degree programs.

32 (8) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
33 specific purpose, the employment security department, as the
34 administrator of the program, has the authority to utilize funds
35 deposited in the career connected learning account for the purposes
36 of the program.

37 (9) During the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, the employment security
38 department must provide sufficient funding from amounts appropriated
39 for the program to the office of the superintendent of public
40 instruction to provide a grant to each of the nine educational

1 service districts for costs of employing one full-time equivalent
2 employee to support the expansion of career connected learning
3 opportunities.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 5 of this act takes effect only if
5 chapter . . . (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 2158), Laws
6 of 2019 is enacted by the effective date of this section."

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7 On page 7, line 8, after "28A.300.780," strike all material
8 through "emergency." and insert "28A.320.330, and 28C.--.---;
9 providing a contingent effective date; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Amends the Career Connected Learning Grant Program
created in E2SHB 2158 to require that sufficient funding be provided
from the program to OSPI for employees at educational service
districts to support the expansion of career connected learning
opportunities.

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